

CHECKLIST OF THE AMPHIBIANS OF INDIA, WITH ENGLISH COMMON NAMES

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ABSTRACT.- A checklist of the amphibians of India is presented, along with recommended English common names. The Dubois (1992) scheme of classification is followed for members of the family Ranidae. The fauna at present includes 210 species in nine families.

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INTRODUCTION

Last inventoried by Dutta (1997), the amphibian fauna of Republic of India has seen significant changes since the last monograph by Boulenger (1890), through the accretion of new species and the allocation of several species, particularly of the genus *Rana* (Family Ranidae) to several genera by Dubois (1992). This proposed scheme of classification has found support in the checklist of Duellman (1993), although not all workers have agreed on the generic allocation of all taxa (see Inger, 1996). In this paper, we have attempted to take stock of all known species from India, primarily using the generic classification of Dubois (1992). An English name is included with every species or subspecies we have recognised. For additional information on each taxa, we refer readers to the checklists of Frost (1985), Duellman (1993), and Dutta (1992; 1997).

MEGOPHRYIDAE

1. *Megophrys boettgeri* (Boulenger, 1899): Boettger's pelobatid toad
2. *Megophrys lateralis* (Anderson, 1871): Anderson's pelobatid toad
3. *Megophrys montana* Kuhl & Van Hasselt, 1822: Montane pelobatid toad
4. *Megophrys parva* (Boulenger, 1893): Myanmar pelobatid toad
5. *Megophrys robusta* (Boulenger, 1908): Robust pelobatid toad
6. *Scutiger nyingchinensis* Fei, 1977: Ladakh pelobatid toad

7. *Scutiger occidentalis* Dubois, 1977: Western pelobatid toad
8. *Scutiger sikimensis* (Blyth, 1854): Sikimese pelobatid toad

BUFONIDAE

9. *Ansonia kamblei* Ravichandran, 1992: Maharashtra stream toad
10. *Ansonia ornata* Günther, 1875: Ornate stream toad
11. *Ansonia rubigina* Pillai & Pattabiraman, 1981: Red stream toad
12. *Bufo abatus* Ahl, 1925: Ahl's toad
13. *Bufo beddomii* Günther, 1875: Beddome's toad
14. *Bufo brevirostris* Rao, 1937: Short-nosed toad
15. *Bufo fergusonii* Boulenger, 1892: Ferguson's toad
16. *Bufo himalayanus* Günther, 1894: Himalayan toad
17. *Bufo hololius* Günther, 1875: Günther's toad
18. *Bufo koynaensis* Soman, 1963: Koyna toad
19. *Bufo latestii* Boulenger, 1882: Lataste's toad
20. *Bufo melanostictus* Schneider, 1799: Common Asian toad
21. *Bufo microtympanum* Boulenger, 1882: Small-eared toad
22. *Bufo parietalis* Boulenger, 1882: Ridged toad
23. *Bufo silentvalleyensis* Pillai, 1981: Silent Valley toad